खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरूण गोगोई): (क) से (ङ) मंत्रालय को न तो कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है और न ही उसने मेढ़क जिले में किसी संस्थान को मत्स्य और अन्य मांसाहारी सामग्री का निर्यात करने हेतु निर्यातोन्मुखी उद्योग स्थापित करने की मंजूरी दी है।

मध्य प्रदेश में तिलहन संयंत्रों का विस्तार

7123. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा राज्य में सहकारी तिलहन संघ के मुरैना और छिन्दवाड़ा संयंत्रों के विस्तारीकरण के प्रस्ताव भेजे गए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी लागत कितनी है;

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इन प्रस्तावों पर कोई उचित कार्यवाही की गई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरूण गोगोई): (क) से (ङ) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार हाल में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से इस मंत्रालय में या नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय जिसका इस विषय से संबंध है, में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Proposals submitted by FICCI

7124. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated thd 24th April, 1995 captioned "FICCI plans to boost capital market" with a view to increasing market capitalisation broadening the base of capital market and development of debt market;

(b) if so, the full details thereof; and

(c) what recommendations were made, decisions taken and proposals submitted by FICCI to Government at its workshop on development of capital market held in Bombay and the 27th April, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) This Ministry has not received any representation from FICCI in this regard.

Development of fruit and vegetable processing industries

7125. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand fruit and vegetable processing industries during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to remove regional imbalances in the growth of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to encourage larger capacity creation for increased processing of fruits and vegetables, including in rural & backward areas, the government have declared most food processing industries, including fruits & vegetable processing industries, as a high priority area and have allowed automatic approval for foreign investment upto 51% to bring in attendant benefits of technology, market access, etc. The Government have also abolished excise duties on all processed fruits and vegetables products and have provided several fiscal reliefs on the capital goods used in this industry. In addition, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various developmental Plan Schemes for promotion of fruit and vegetable processing industries. Besides provision of various incentives by the Central & State Governments for backward areas, Ministry's Plan schemes envisage higher level of assistance for projects in North Eastern States, Hilly & backward areas. Government is encouraging entrepreneours to set up industries in the non-urban & backward areas and is actively promoting the concept of establishment of backward linkages through contract farming. In addition, Government is assisting setting up of food processing training centres to train up the entrepreneours for setting up small processing units in the rural areas. Besides this, the National Horticulture Board,